

Ex-Policemen Plead Guilty In Panther Case

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(UPI)—Two former Oakland police officers, charged with shooting up the Black Panther headquarters the day after Panther leader Huey P. Newton was convicted of manslaughter, have changed their pleas to guilty.

The two, Robert W. Farrell, 27, and Richard V. Williams, 29, made the change Friday before Alameda County Superior Court Judge Leonard Dieden.

The officers were indicted by the county's grand jury for firing into the occupied building on Sept. 10 1968, following Newton's manslaughter conviction in the slaying of Oakland policeman John Frey. The pair were on duty at the time.

Williams and Farrell said they wanted to change their plea with the understanding they would not be sent to prison for 1-5 years. Under their guilty plea they can be sent to Santa Rita prison farm for one year.